

BIOMETRIC CHARACTERISTIC-ENABLED REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- 5 A wireless remote control device for use with television receivers, satellite
down converters and similar devices, uses biometric characteristics of a user to
determine the functionality to be imbued to the remote control device. A biometric
scanner, such as a capacitive fingerprint scanner, coupled to a processor, compares
scanned characteristics to stored characteristics to determine the identity of the user.
- 10 By using biometric characteristics to identify the user, passwords, PIN numbers, keys
and other indicia used to establish authorization of a user enable the authorized user to
access programming and subject matter unsuitable for or unintended for unauthorized
users.